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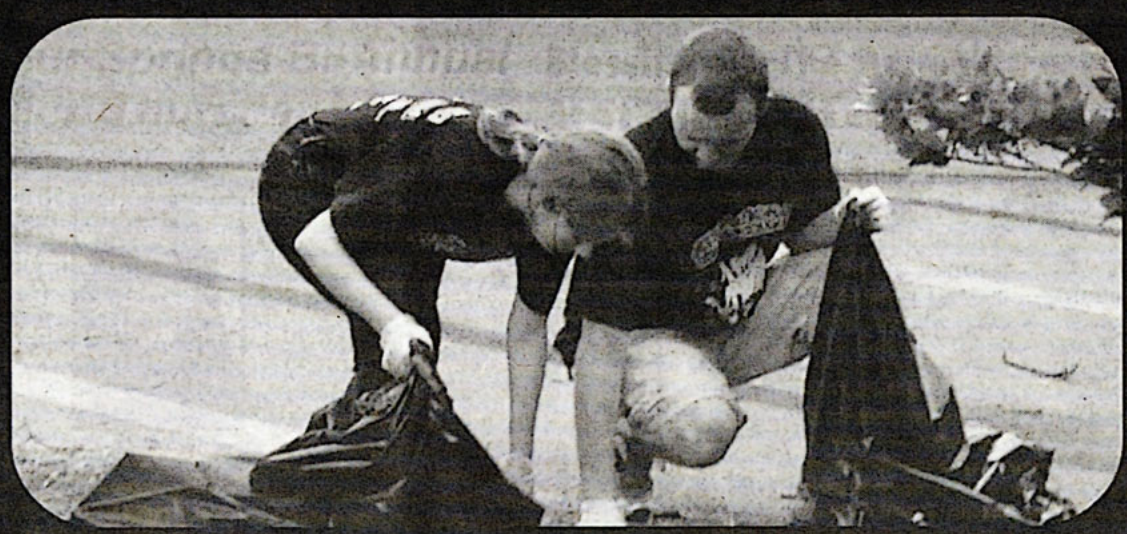

Karen Koser is the Dev Review Tech, CRA Director of Dade City and the coordinator of the Coastal Cleanup that brought multiple citizens and University students to help clean the Dade City area. The cleaning crew encounter many types of trash, most of which was presumably scattered by wind, in areas soggy with rain. While not much was recovered overall, a likely result of routine upkeep by both citizens and city officials, the efforts of the team were able to make Dade City an even brighter place to be.

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Local News

Luke Bryan Country Rocks Tampa Bay

By Danny Stockton
Contributing Writer

Country artist Luke Bryan's "That's my Kind of Night" concert was held at the MidFlorida Credit Union Amphitheater on Sept. 25 and Sept. 26, 2014. On the opening night, Bryan played most of his hits while energetic fans jumped and sang along in the crowd.

Because the amphitheater is outside, not all the seats are covered. During the second opening act, Brett Eldredge, it started pouring rain until the end of the concert. However, the rain and lightning did not silence the screaming fans or turn them away a chance to see the main act.

The first act of the night was Kelleigh Bannen who danced, sang, and played her guitar. Bannen sang her top hit 'Famous,' which showed off her lovely voice with high notes and clearly sung lyrics. Her songs helped set the country feel of the concert.

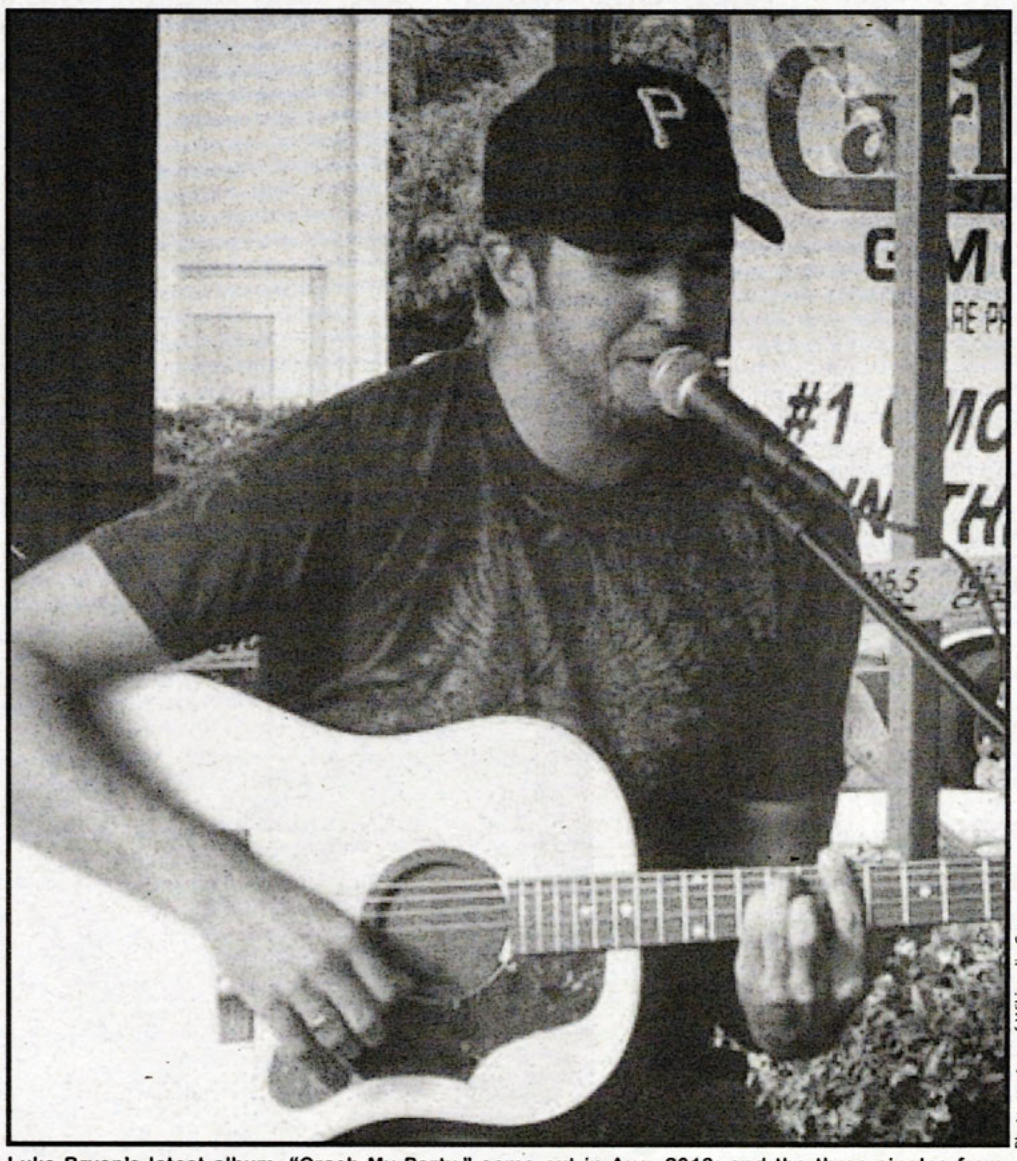
After her set was done, Eldredge came on with his deep country voice. He sang his hit 'Don't Ya,' and many girls jumped along while couples danced. He was very good live, and even the soaked audience members were content to listen to him until Luke Bryan came on.

Final when Bryan came on, almost everyone in the uncovered section was soaking wet and excited to see him. He played a video clip from his music video 'That's my Kind of Night,' then ironically played 'Rain is a Good Thing.' It was amazing hearing almost the entire amphitheater sing along to multiple songs.

The song set flowed well, with each song smoothly transitioning to the next one. Bryan sounded better live than in the studio. He interacted with the audience was by throwing beers into the audience, and he pulled a little boy from the audience to sing along him on 'Crash my Party'. It showed off the fatherly, fun connection he has with his fans.

The MidFlorida Credit Union Amphitheater can hold about 20,000 people, and is one of Tampa Bay's largest stadiums. It has hosted many music festivals and has become the number one place in the area for a perfect outdoor music experience. Bryan sold out the amphitheater two nights in a row. The second night the opening acts were Lee Brice and Cole Swindell.

Despite the rain, the concert was great from the sound to the atmosphere to the lighting of the stadium. The lighting was especially good at this show because the stage lights contrasted with the lighting off in the distance. I would recommend all Luke Bryan fans attend any future concerts he has at the MidFlorida Credit Union Amphitheater.



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Luke Bryan's latest album, "Crash My Party," came out in Aug. 2013; and the three singles from the album each hit number one on the country music charts.

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Local News

Downtown Dade City: Mallie Kyla's Café

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Photo Courtesy of Craig Graves

Located in the middle of a store called the American Eagle Antique Mall is a small restaurant. The name of this small restaurant is Mallie Kyla's Café. One could think that a small café inside of an antique store is just some small convenience with overpriced food. Well, if that is your thought, you would be one hundred percent wrong. This is the second Mallie Kyla's Café location with the first being located in Brooksville. And the price? The prices are very reasonable. You can get a full meal for fewer than $20. When one walks in, they see a hodgepodge of different tables and chairs with decorative table cloths. This adds to the homestyle atmosphere. The service is friendly.

Now thee measure of a restaurant is not just atmosphere and service that makes a good restaurant, but what makes or breaks them is the food. I can only speak as to what I had. I started off with ordering a cherry coke. I thought it would be the standard stuff you get from the can or the soda fountains. I, however, was presently surprised to find out that they add cherry syrup into their coke, resulting in a very flavorful cherry soda. For lunch, I ordered a tomato and florentine quiche, which came with a cup of fruit containing melon, grape, and cantaloupe. One would think the food at such a place would be mediocre, but then you would be wrong. The quiche was moist and masterfully made. The cheese and eggs blended together in a symphony of taste atop a light and flaky crust. The slice of quiche was a very generous proportion too. The fruit was fresh and sweet, and they fill the cup to the brim.

They also have a famous Humming Bird Cake, as well as a variety of different pies and cakes on sale for around $20.

San Antonio: Park Place Antiques

By Alexandria Vincent
Guest Writer

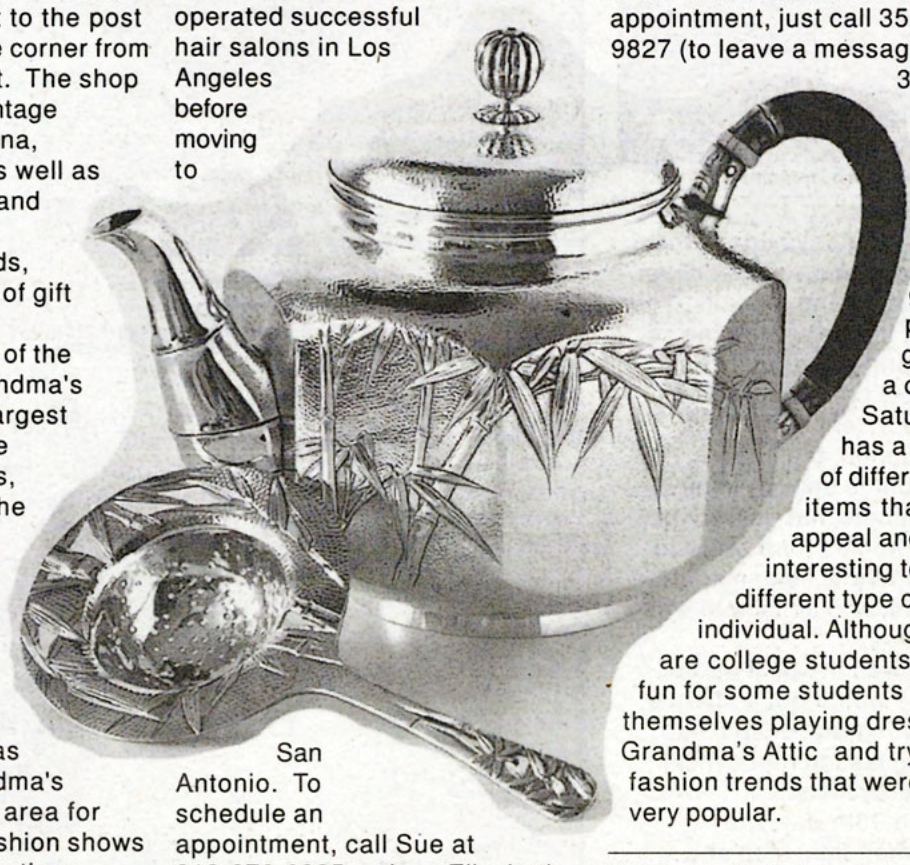
Park Place Antiques & Gifts is located at 12221 Main Street in San Antonio, on the west side of the city park, next to the post office and around the corner from Pancho's Restaurant. The shop offers antique and vintage furniture, pottery, china, glassware, linens, as well as a large array of new and vintage jewelry and purses, greeting cards, books, and a variety of gift items.

The second floor of the shop is home to Grandma's Attic, featuring the largest assortment of vintage clothes, hats, purses, and accessories in the area. Visitors are welcome to spend some time looking through and trying on clothes from the early years of the 20th century through the 1980s. (Cameras are welcome!) Grandma's Attic is known in the area for putting on vintage fashion shows for charitable organizations, including one at the University in November 2013, sponsored by the Rotaract Club.

Also housed in Park Place are two hair stylists, Sue Davis and Jane Elizabeth. Both Sue and Jane Elizabeth operated successful hair salons in Los Angeles before moving to San Antonio. To schedule an appointment, call Sue at 813-376-6925 or Jane Elizabeth at 352-457-3220.

Park Place is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. However, owners Betty and Winnie Burke are happy to open the shop at other times. To schedule an appointment, just call 352-588-9827 (to leave a message) or 352-346-0349.

Park Place Antiques & Gifts is a great place to go to on a quiet Saturday. It has a variety of different items that appeal and are interesting to every different type of individual. Although we are college students, it is fun for some students to find themselves playing dress up in Grandma's Attic and try on the fashion trends that were once very popular.



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The Coffee Mug

By Matthew Beil
Alumni

This small, quaint coffee shop located on Meridian Avenue was originally located across the street. The building it now occupies used to be a flower shop a long time ago. When one walks in the first thing they are struck by is just how diametrically opposite The Coffee Mug is to Starbucks. It is spacious, brighter, and there is no high counter separating you and your barista. The tables are arranged sparingly, allowing a wide open feeling, and the use of lighting makes the room look bigger than it is. The differences do not stop there. The owner, Leslie Monticco, and her friend, Donna Shoen, run the establishment themselves. Monticco and Shoen started The Coffee Mug after Monticoo lost her job because of education cuts. They are both very friendly individuals and love meeting new people and hearing their stories, which adds to the personal touch of this wonderful establishment.

But friendliness and atmosphere do not make a coffee shop alone - the coffee plays a major role. In this regard, The Coffee Mug exceeds all. The coffee they serve is Kana. This is a Cuban blend and has a full flavor with a large amount of caffeine. They have many different ways of serving this excellent brand of coffee, from just the straight cup of joe to lattes. As for the price, a regular cup cost about two dollars. Before you wonder what regular means in this instance, I'll tell you, it means more than most other coffee shops. If you want a nice light lunch or breakfast, they have a delicious selection of pastries. If you want something a bit more filling, try their bagel melt.

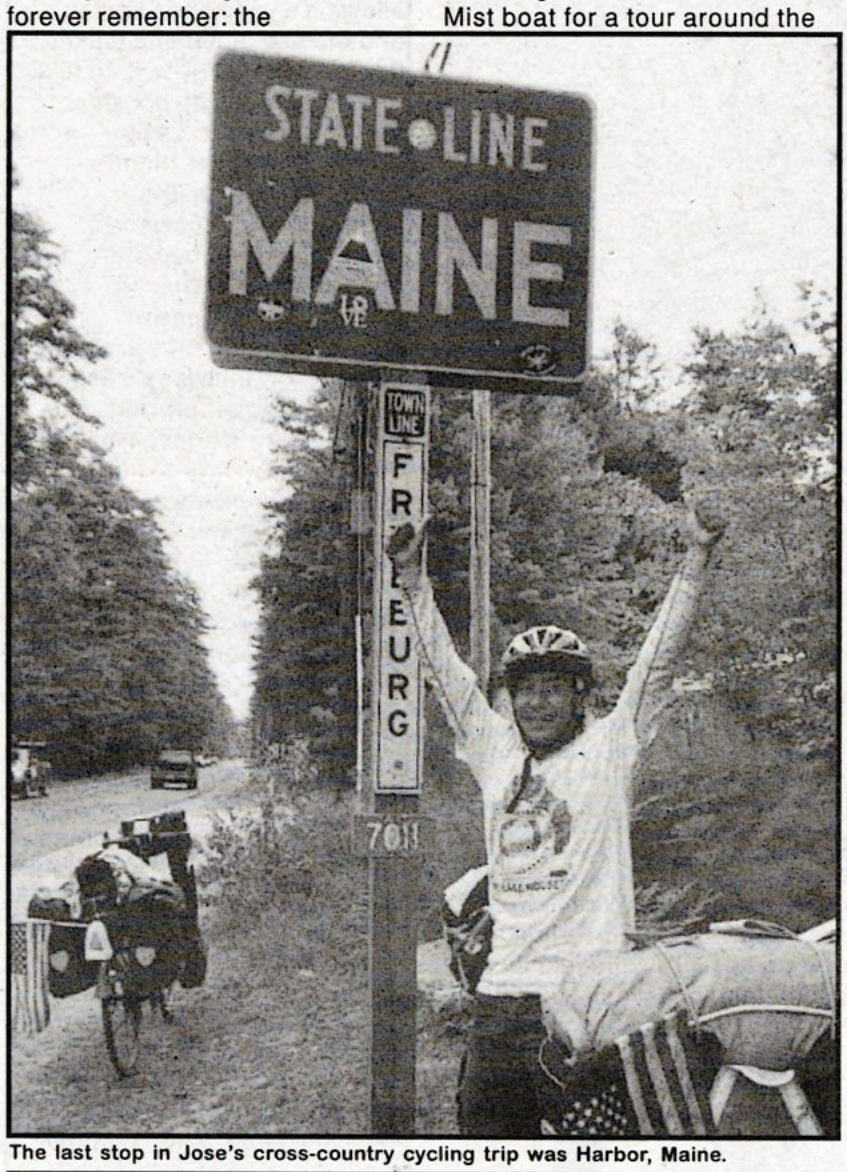
Should you find yourself in the Dade City area craving a good cup of coffee, The Coffee Mug is certainly the place for it. Its hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. every day. If there is a special event going on, The Coffee Mug stays open later than their normal hour. They are located at 37935 Meridian Avenue, Dade City, Florida, 33525.

Campus News

A Cross Country Bicycle Quest: Jose Amateco

By Ingrid Medina
Contributing Writer

Have you ever pictured yourself going on a bike ride for at least 79 straight days? Believe it or not, it is possible, as one of our current Alumni, Jose Amateco, has proven. He graduated last spring with a biology degree and is now hoping to continue his education through graduate school. However, before applying, his mentor, Mark Bybee, a business man from New Port Richey, gave him a graduation gift that he will forever remember: the opportunity to ride a bike through 13 states, spend 37 nights camping, and experience a brand new adventure.



The last stop in Jose's cross-country cycling trip was Harbor, Maine.

Amateco and Bybee's journey started in Anacortes, Wash, and ended in Harbor, Maine. Included in their equipment was mountain hardware tents, sleeping bags, thermosets pads, an MSR stove, riding clothes for all weather conditions (including rain gear), Ortleib Panniers, and small miscellaneous materials one might need when riding across the country.

They began their journey on June 2, 2014, and were able to bike for 30 miles during that day. Out of the 13 states that Amateco visited, his favorite state was Washington, because he got to see Cascades National Park, which had beautiful mountains and snowfall; he was thrilled to see snow for the first time.

"I had to climb about 30 feet up (a mountain), so I could really touch and lift the solid snow. It was worth it," said Amateco

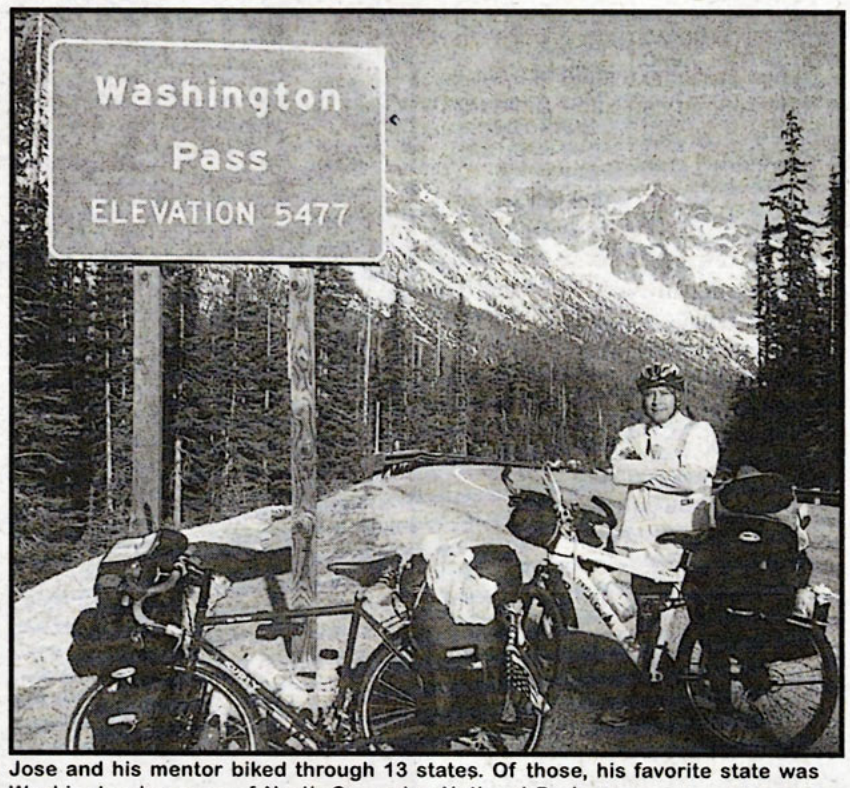
Amateco had so many great memories that it was hard for him to point out the best ones. One memory is when he and Bybee reached their 71st day and made a rest stop in Niagara Falls, N.Y. There, they were able to get on the Maid of the Mist boat for a tour around the Niagara Falls.

"They (the days on the tour) were special and you just never get tired of seeing the falls. You rarely get to see something so majestic and powerful. No wonder it is call one of the modern wonders of the world."

Throughout their quest, they were fortunate enough to meet friendly people that offered the duo their homes for a place to sleep, wonderful homemade breakfasts, and a place to wash their laundry.

"That was the best part of the trip as well. I got a chance to meet wonderful people and made long lasting friendships with other cyclists."

By the 95th day, they reached their final stop and completed their goal: they rode for 79 days, made 14 rest stops, camped for 37 nights, and traveled 4008 miles. Throughout their adventure, they kept a blog in which they posted their pictures, new experiences, and encounters with people they met along their journey.

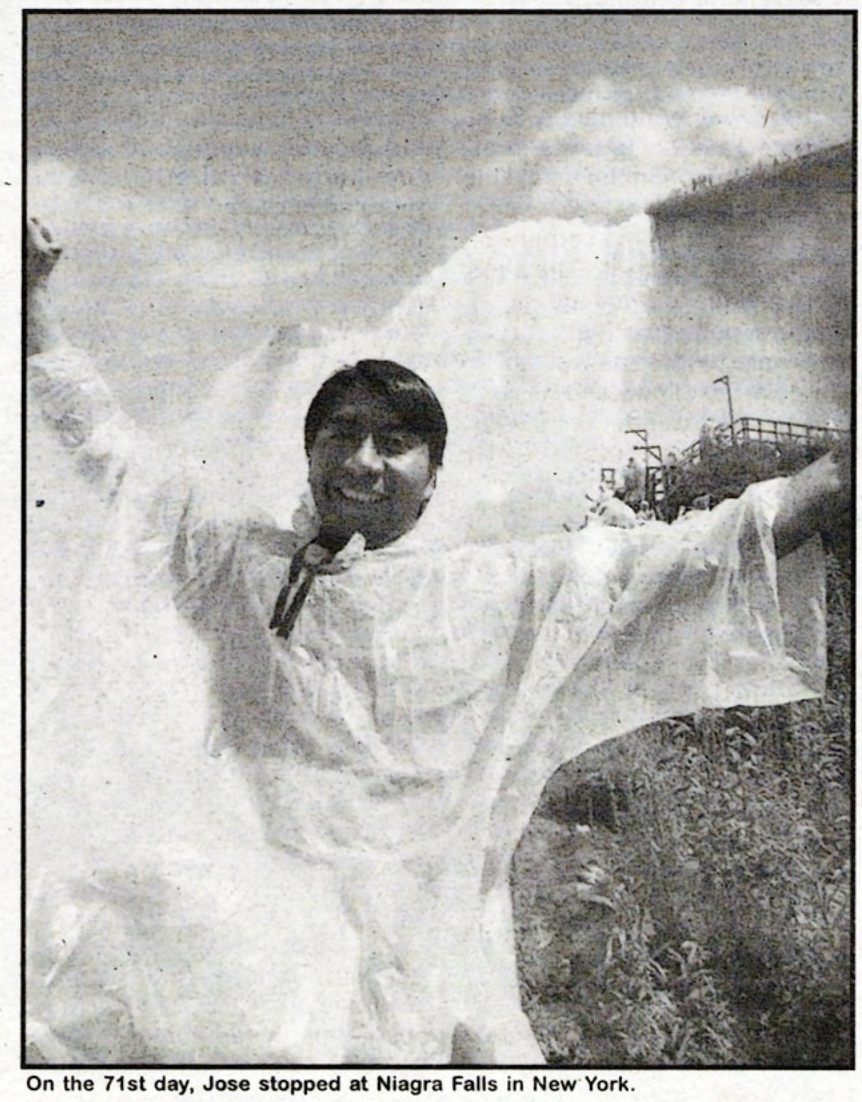


Jose and his mentor biked through 13 states. Of those, his favorite state was Washington because of North Cascades National Park.

"Keeping this blog was so great because now that the trip is over, I can always look back at it and remember the good times that I had."

The blog is currently online. This was one summer that Jose never forget.

"Our cross-country bicycle quest has ended, but it is just the beginning of many more quests to come. There are more states to cycle across. There are more mountains and passes to challenge. There are many more pictures waiting to be taken, and many more awesome people to meet. Not only in our country, but also many countries in the world are open with infinite opportunities for bicycle touring. For now, I am going back to school, but for all of you cyclists out there, keep pedaling on and best wishes in your fantastic adventures."


On the 71st day, Jose stopped at Niagra Falls in New York.

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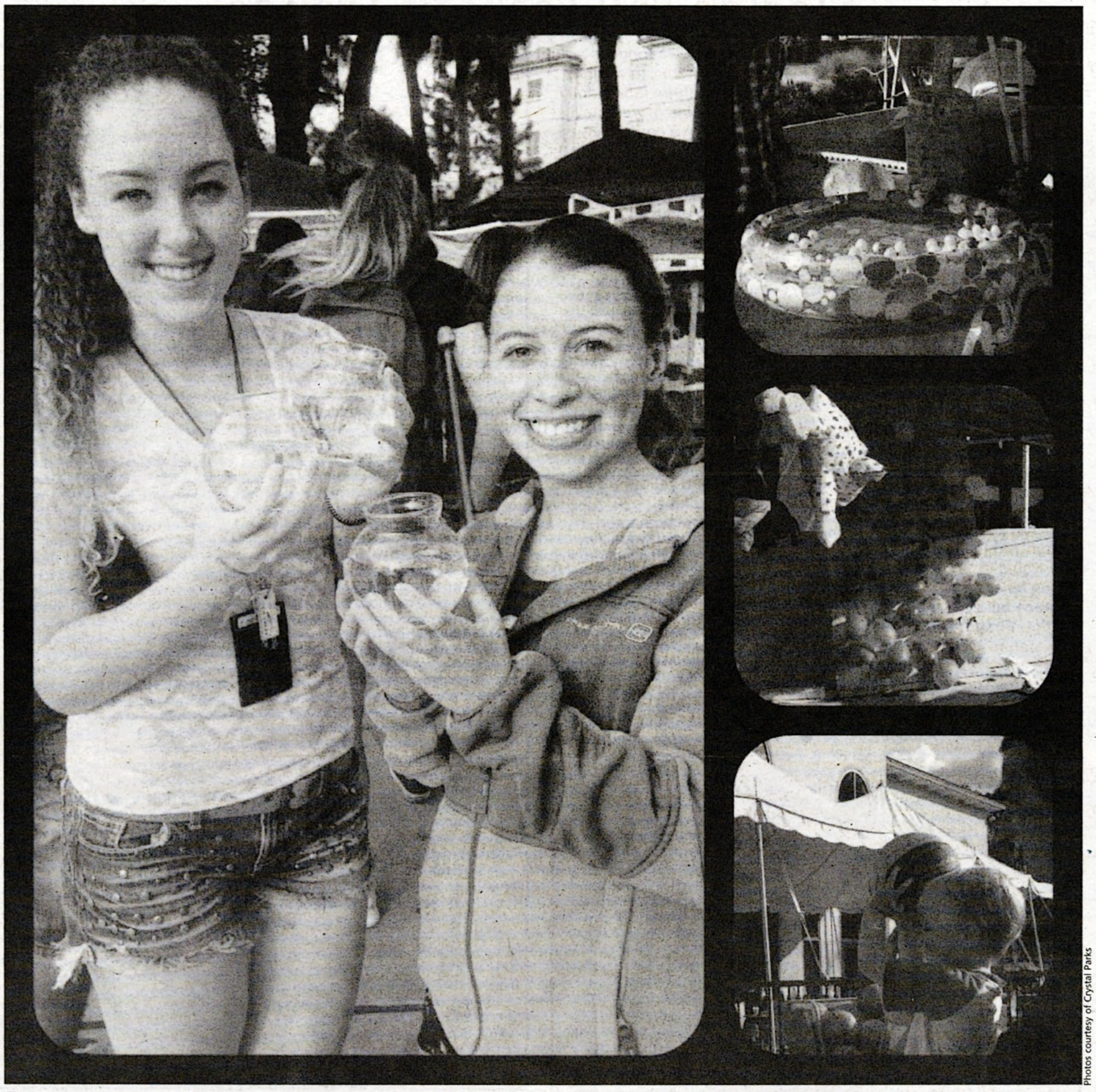

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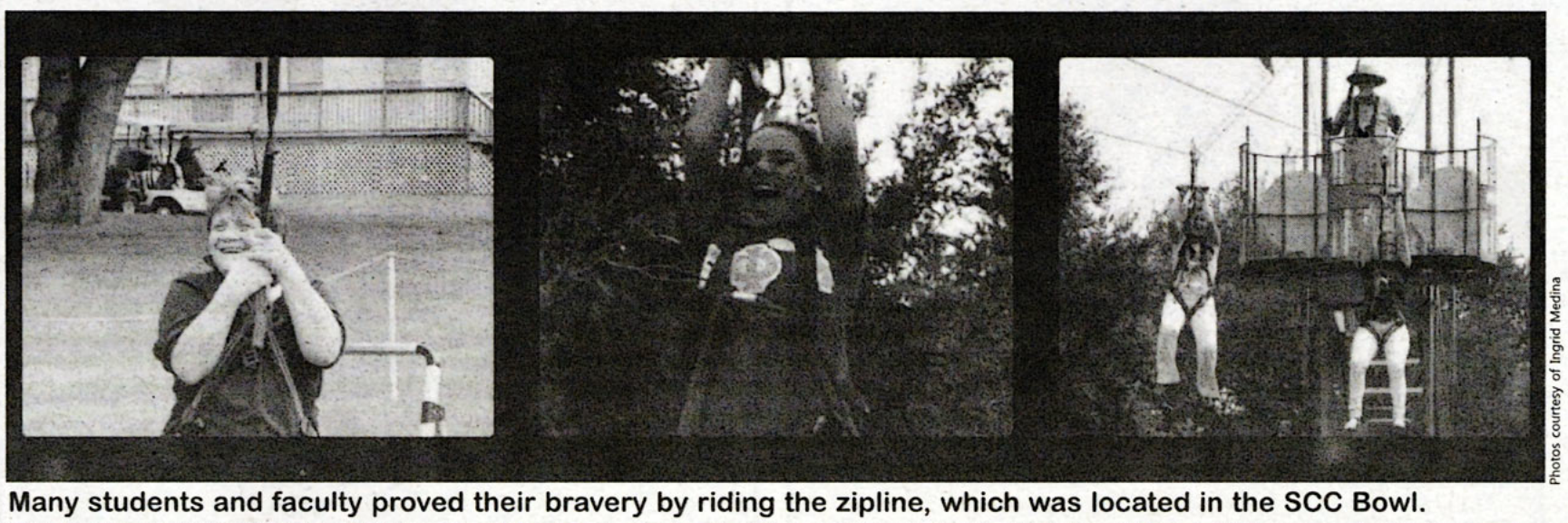
Every year, Dining Hall Services puts on an old fashion carnival for students to enjoy games and treats. Students like Junior Nick Bertram attempted to win stuffed animals from playing darts, ring toss, rubber duck chance, and fish ping pong. Professors and their families also came out for the event and brought their children to play the games, like mini-basketball. At the end of the evening, many people went away with stuffed monkeys, stuffed frogs, and inflatable balloon hammers.



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Many students and faculty proved their bravery by riding the zipline, which was located in the SCC Bowl. Students and faculty found the event to be a euphoric and terrifying experience. Other students calmly rushed through the downward slope, while some students excitedly yelled from the adrenaline rush.

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Florida Fall Fashion Trends

By Rikki Hussey
Contributing Writer

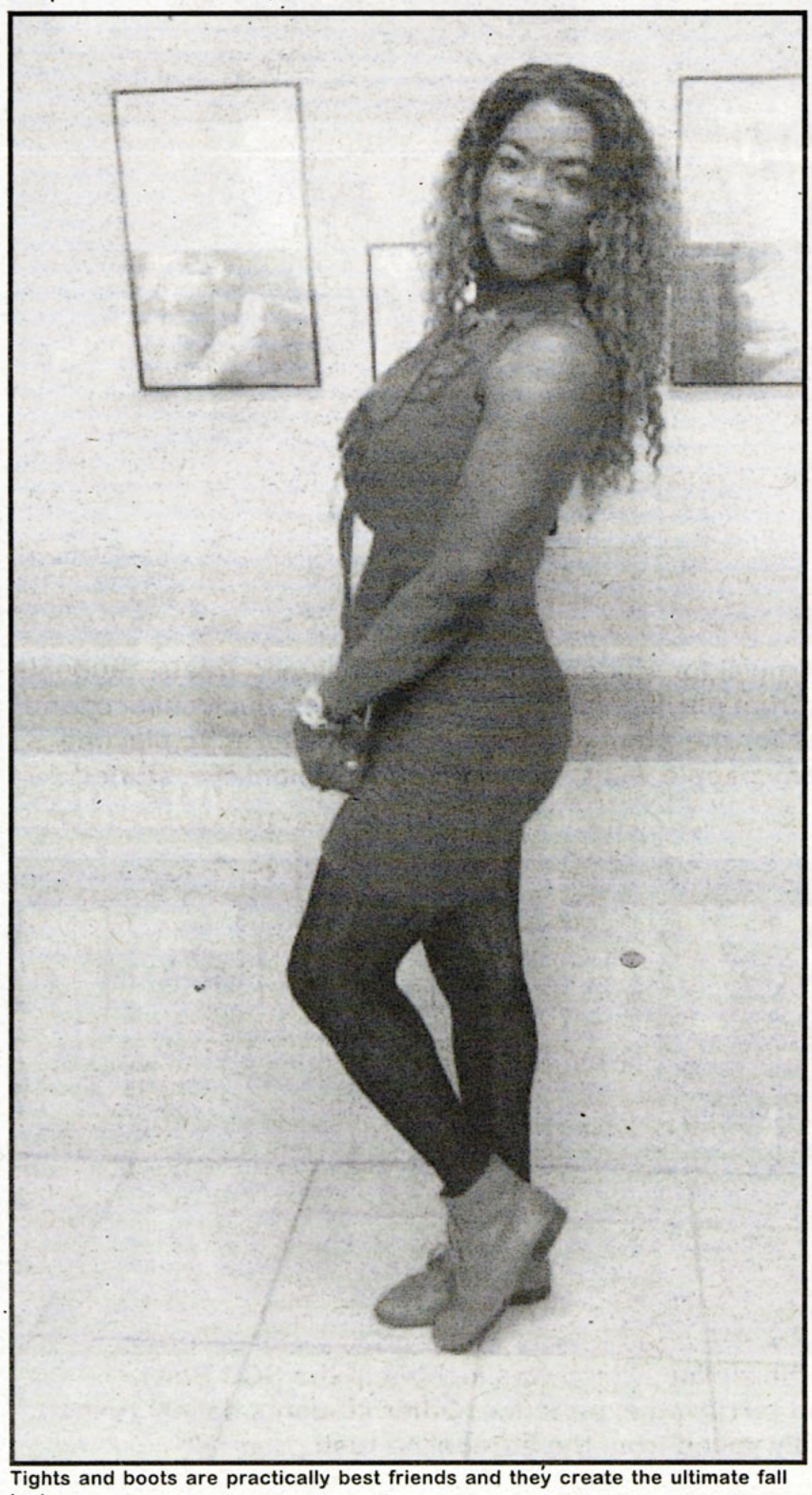
Just because it's hot doesn't mean that you have to limit your fall fashion wardrobe. Even though we are in sunny Florida, we can still rock all the latest trendy looks with ease. Temperatures may limit the extent to which we are able to wear jackets and coats, but we can substitute these pieces with lighter pieces such as blazers and sweaters.

Fall fashion, with its piled-on look of various layers and sun-absorbing darker hues, just won't work for us; it's just way too hot. Staying fashionable and in fall style can be difficult with temperatures as high as 89 degrees, but finding substitutes to accommodate your ideal look is the key to pulling off your customized fall look.

I would like to share some tips on how ladies in Florida can embrace fall even though it is still hot. First, being that the temperature is warmer, we should embrace wearing pieces that ladies in the north cannot wear. Most northern ladies don't have this privilege of wearing just a blazer or even a cardigan because of the colder weather they face.

Sweaters, Blazers, Boots, and Tights are some of the fall pieces that are trending this season. They can be worn separately or as a combination to create a very sophisticated yet effortless fall look.

Sweaters are the go-to fall look this season. In order to get the full benefit of wearing a sweater in the fall, pay close attention to wearing sweaters that are made of cotton and lighter fabrics. Colors such as light pinks and blues, white, grey, beige, and yellow are the top choices. Long sleeve sweaters create a cute and classy look no matter how you wear them. Try pairing this look with black pant and boots. Another fabulous way to wear this look is with a denim vest over it, which will give you some



Tights and boots are practically best friends and they create the ultimate fall look.

Wearing patterned tights can help to pull your look together in a more sophisticated way.

Brown boots help to complete your outfit in a stylish way.

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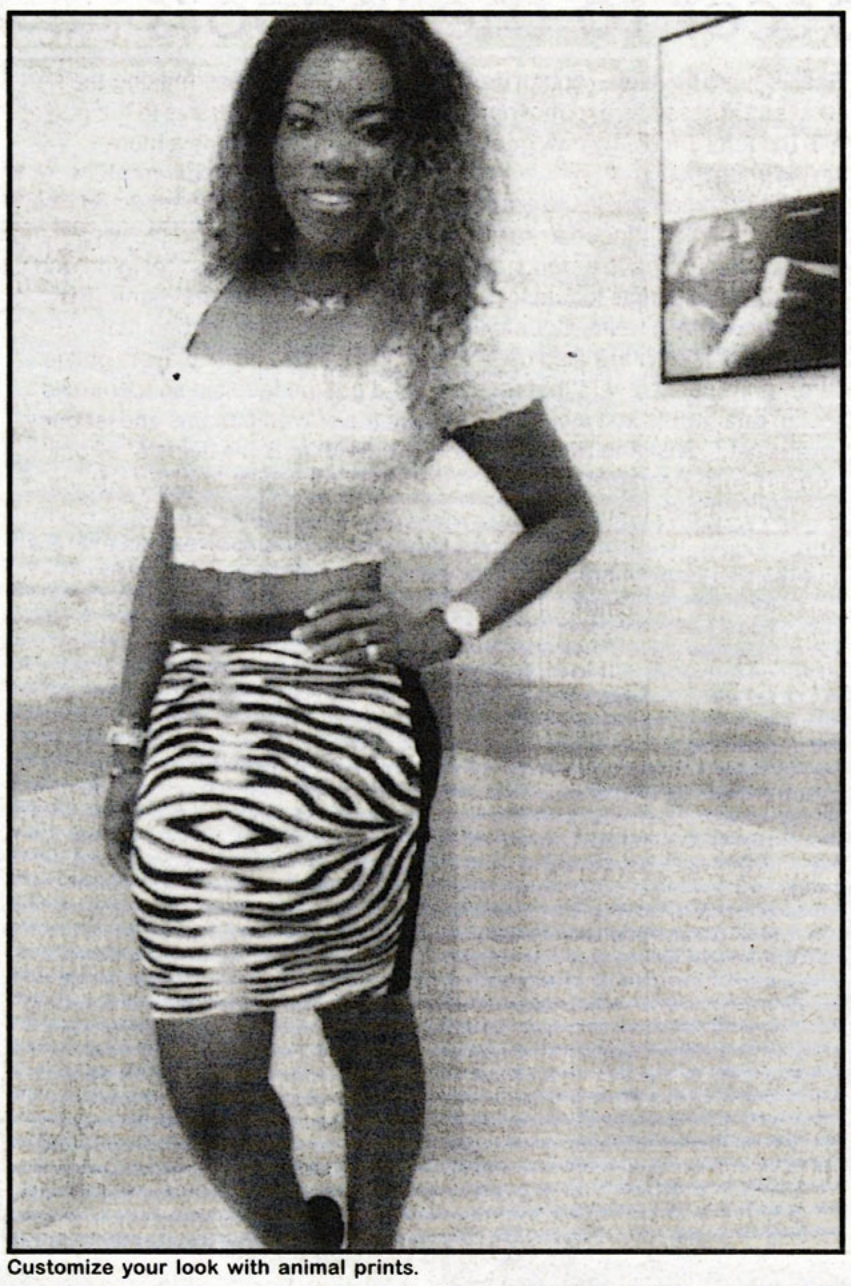

Customize your look with animal prints.

Leopard Boots are trending because they're absolutely cute.

extra coverage and style.

When it comes to outer wear, a good blazer can change your life. Designer J. Crew created a blazer-cardigan which is to die for.

"After sifting through a ton of blazers, cardigans, bombers, moto jackets and everything in between, I think I've finally found the answer," said Madeline Alford, the Digital Editorial Assistant of "Lucky Magazine." "What I—and you—need this autumn is a blazer-cardigan hybrid (blazigan), something structured but comfortable."

This new fashion trend is taking is a product of mixing a blazer and cardigan together.

Boots are the true sign that it is fall. The major boot trend right now seems to be the semi-high combat boots. There are several colors to choose from, but the most popular colors are black and brown.

Tights are the in-look right now, because they can be worn in so many different ways. They can be worn with a pencil skirt, dress, or with shorts, which depends on your comfort level. There are so many different types of tights available to you. They range from printed, colored and sheer, to floral, ripped and plain. No matter the occasion there is without a doubt a pair of tights to go with your outfit.

Another look that is very big this fall season is wearing various animal prints and patterns. They give your outfit a zestier look. Leopard, zebra prints and polka dots are some of the most popular looks right now. They add an extra touch to anything you could possibly wear.

Regardless of the higher fall temperatures that we face in Florida, your wardrobe should never be limited. You can wear these fall pieces in your own way to create your own personalized fall look.

Polka dots are one of the most popular fall trends this season.

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FIFA 15: Bringing Soccor to the Indoors

By Austin Chaivaroli
Staff Writer

The FIFA's hit soccer video games has just had its latest release, FIFA 15, on Sept. 23, 2014. The FIFA series is known for its simulation of the soccer, and changes the sport into a more competitive way to play indoors.

The graphics in the FIFA games have gotten more detailed with every installment, and this upcoming new addition for the next generation of consoles like the Xbox One and PS4 with graphics better than ever before. Many of the players look very realistic and the physics look more fluid and fast paced like a real game of soccer.

The game's main field is very wide and both sides can see their players clearly. Whenever a certain maneuver, penalty or goal is made, the camera pans into stunning, life-like images of the players. Sometimes the players show frustration from getting a penalty or the excitement for scoring a goal. Goalkeepers have also gotten more detailed expressions and movement with the addition of fifty new goal saving animations.

The commentary in the games has also been enhanced as fans in the stadium also have emotional behaviors and chants for each specific country's team. Country's teams in the game are also up to date with recent players that most soccer fans would know of such as Luis Suarez, Cristiano Ronaldo, and Lionel Messi. Each player on a team comes with their own statistics and roles making the game more immersive to the player and giving the game a more strategic feel. With different strategies to score a goal and many obstacles standing in the way of the player, it will take a cool mind and a good team to win the game. The game also has a hub to stay connected to other players online and get the latest in soccer news on their favorite teams and leagues.

With multiple fields of all of the countries available to the players, they can choose whether or not to challenge themselves with the new weather effect system. Rainy weather makes the field wet and slippery making the player's movement's slicker and the ball easier to escape the player's feet. Snow has also been added which slows the player down making it more likely that the opposite team can catch up faster. The wind during both of these effects can also effect the game, slightly changing the direction of the ball when it is kicked.

With the World Cup ending only a few months ago, the excitement for this game is still large and the thrill for competitive soccer is still in some of the fans minds. If you happen to be one of these fans or are just a person looking for a way to play sports without all of the exercise and skill, then this game is definitely up your isle.

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The soccer players in FIFA 15 have a wide range of emotions and reactions to plays.

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